

Inside Your Third

The Newsletter for Norwalk's Third Taxing District
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Your Commission

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 17th
Commission Meeting
at Van Zilen Hall
51 Van Zant Street
7:00 p.m.

February 14th
American Red Cross
Blood Drive
at Van Zilen Hall
51 Van Zant Street
1:45 p.m.

February 21st
Commission Meeting
at Van Zilen Hall
51 Van Zant Street
7:00 p.m.

Second Annual Lighting Contest Winners

The holiday spirit was alive and well in East Norwalk once again this year as many homes were decorated for the holidays. Choosing just three winners throughout the District became an almost impossible task because so many homeowners went to a great deal of effort and expense to decorate their homes and yards. The first place winner even had the ingenuity to somehow use moving projected images that were beamed onto the house as part of the decorations.

The contest was open to all customers of the Third Taxing District Electric Department. Commissioners Brown, Plunkett, and Coggin were the judges.

The residential category was a very close contest with first place being awarded to James Buffone of 5 Naples Avenue. Close behind in the scoring, second place went to Caroline Putzig of 281 East Avenue and third Place went to Joseph Laganza of 10 Emerson Street. Tied for honorable mention was Edward O'Hara of 49 Pine Hill Avenue, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Randazzo of 2 Island Drive, and James Clarke of 74 Myrtle Street Extension.

The winner in the condominium category was Christopher Yost at 199 Gregory Boulevard.



First place winners - The Buffone family at 5 Naples Avenue. Notice the moving projected image above the bay window.



Second place winners - The Putzig family at 281 East Avenue. Down beyond Sweet Ashley's, this vast light display was full of imagination.

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to all the participants and non-participants for making East Norwalk a special place to live.

Dispose of your Christmas tree properly - do not burn it in your fireplace

Business of the Month

Established in 1972, The Clockery is Fairfield county's oldest clock repair shop. Partners Bucky Taylor and J.C. Woodward work full time restoring antique clocks of all types.

Open five days a week, The Clockery has been serving Connecticut's Fairfield County for over thirty years. The facility is located at 14 Van Zant Street here in East Norwalk.

The attractively decorated building houses a showroom with a wide variety of clocks on display, and a separate machine shop area. Many old-time East Norwalkers will remember this small building as the original location of Mola's Sporting Goods Store.

Founder Bucky Taylor has over thirty five years experience as a horologist which is the art of designing and making time pieces. Before founding The Clockery in 1972, Taylor was employed in the research laboratory of General Time Corporation, the parent corporation of Seth Thomas and Westclox. He has a degree in mechanical design.

J.C. Woodward joined The Clockery in 1985, and has nearly

twenty years experience in clock repair. Prior to bringing his expertise to The Clockery, Woodward worked eleven years developing on-line transaction processing computer software. He has a degree in electrical engineering.

With over fifty years combined experience at the bench restoring antique clocks, the owners can repair any clock no matter the problem. In addition, The Clockery offers house calls within Fairfield County for grandfather clocks and permanently installed architectural clocks.

"We practice clock repair much the way it was done a hundred years ago, relying on the skills of many talented people to perform the varied crafts required for proper antique clock restoration" says Taylor. "One of the most important advantages of dealing with an established shop like The Clockery is the long time relationships we have cultivated with some of the most talented craftspeople in the country". Some of these specialties include:

- Dial retouching and painting
- Case repairs and refinishing
- Reverse glass painting
- Gilding and metal polishing
- Beveled and convex glass

The Clockery



Located at 14 Van Zant Street, The Clockery has been serving the East Norwalk neighborhood's clock repair needs since 1972.



Bucky Taylor and J.C. Woodward have a combined 50 years of antique clock repair experience working on everything from mantle to grandfather clocks.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

For any of our clients with electric heat and who are on fixed or low income - there is a program called Energy Assistance available to you. During the winter months, when those heating their homes with electric heat find their bills unwieldy in a fixed or low-income budget, Norwalk Economic Opportunity Now, Inc. at 98 South Main Street in South Main Street has state grant money available to help offset the high costs of heating the homes to those who qualify. You can call Juanita Ball directly for an appointment at 899-2483 or call our office at 866-9271 for any extra help. We will be glad to direct your call. The telephone number for people to call to set up an appointment for energy assistance is 899-2483. The period for appointments has been extended this year until April 14th.

HOT WATER HEATER TIPS

Right behind the cost to heat your home, the second highest user of electricity in your home is the hot water heater. Here are a few tips to conserve hot water:

1. Installing a high-performance shower head available from Home Depot could cut the costs of your showers in half, while delivering a full spray.
2. Fix leaky faucets. A single dripping hot water faucet can waste up to 212 gallons of water and \$4.00 in energy costs each month!
3. Use cold water when washing clothes. Most clothes will get clean in cold water, especially if you use a detergent made for cold water washing.
4. Check the temperature on your water heater. Run hot tap water over a candy or meat thermometer. It should read 120°. If it's higher, lower the temperature on your hot water heater thermostat.

Wash clothes and dishes after 8:00 p.m. when demand is the lowest. WAIT TIL EIGHT!